

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

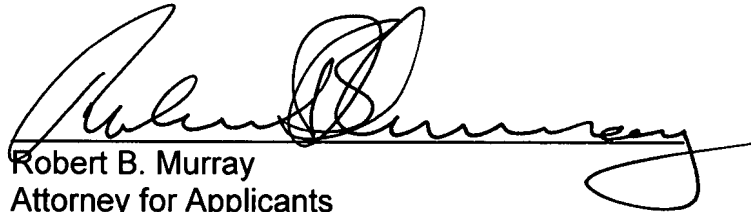
Claim 1 has been amended to include the narrower limitations of claim 20, with claim 20 being cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to remove definitions of  $R^2$  and now reflects only definitions for  $R^3$ . Claim 21 has also been amended to include the narrower limitations of claim 20. Claim 19 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Now new matter has been added.

Claims 1-12, 18, 19 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over WO 90/07500 (or USP 4,874,422). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims now distinguish the present claims over WO 90/07500. Applicants would like to express gratitude to the Examiner for indicating that claims 17 and 20 were objected to because of dependence on a rejected base claim. Since present independent claims 1 and 21 now recite the  $R^2$  substituent limitations of cancelled claim 20, it is believed that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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